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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

*Re: In the Matter of The United States Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Petition for Permanent
Reassignment of Three Toll Free Suicide Prevention Hotline Numbers, in Toll Free
Service Access Codes, CC Docket No. 95-155, CC Docket No. 07-271*

On October 30, 2008, A. Kathryn Power, Richard McKeon, and Eileen Zeller of the United States Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), along with Rina Hakimian and David Naimon of the HHS Office of General Counsel met in person with Julie Veach, Randy Clarke, Ann Stevens, Heather Hendrickson, and Michelle Sclater of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB).

The discussion focused on: (1) the structure, operation, and services provided by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) network of toll free hotline numbers operated by SAMHSA's grantee, including a description of the grant to network, evaluate, and certify suicide prevention hotlines that has been funded by SAMHSA since 2001, and awarded through an open grant competition using an independent peer-review process; (2) the technical assistance provided to the crisis centers that answer calls that are routed from the NSPL, including the technological modifications and resources required to maintain the reliability and conductivity of the network; and (3) the Veterans' Suicide Prevention Hotline, a specialized service for veterans in crisis operated as a collaboration between SAMHSA and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the FCC's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-referenced docket. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Hakimian', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Randy Clarke
Ann Stevens
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Michelle Sclater